

**ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2019**

**I. Call to order**

Chairperson Kris Kesterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at 150 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

**II. Roll call**

Members present: Kris Kesterson  
Wayne Sims  
Kerry Dixon  
Kathleen Uehling  
Craig Clabaugh  
Marvin Schumacher  
Justin Carleton  
Amy Infelt (via phone)  
Peggy VandenBerg (via phone)

Members absent: None

Ms. Caroline Barrett, Assistant Attorney General 2, also attended.

**III. Approval of agenda**

Mr. Schumacher moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The Board approved it unanimously.

**IV. Approval of minutes from February 26, 2019**

Mr. Sims moved to approve the February 26, 2019, minutes. Mr. Carleton seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

**V. Items for Action**

- A.** *Variance request from Sean Flattery regarding addition of a new elevator to an existing building owned by the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation (E2019-008).*

Mr. Marvin Schumacher recused himself from the meeting for this variance request. Ms. Infelt joined the meeting via conference call at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Sean Flattery, President, Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation, and Mr. Kory McDonald, Schumacher Elevator, presented the variance information to the board. They are requesting a variance from the height restriction of 7'. This is a 2-story office building built before 1900 and the basement is 6'10" and slopes to 4' at the front. There is no better area to build a mechanical room. The general public does not access this area.

Ms. Dixon moved to approve the variance with the following conditions:

1. The door leading to the basement and the elevator machine room access door shall be marked on the outside with signs stating "Warning- Authorized Personnel Only" and "Caution- Low Overhead." Letters shall be no less than 1 inch in height on contrasting background.
2. Lighting leading to the elevator equipment room shall be installed to provide a minimum of 19 foot candles.
3. Demarcation striping shall be applied to any obstruction below the nominal 6'10" height along the passageway to the elevator equipment room.
4. All electrical wiring along the passageway shall be enclosed as required by NFPA 70.

5. Elevator equipment shall be installed to meet the requirements of ASCE 24 Flood Resistant Design and Construction or be mitigated to local jurisdiction requirements. A copy of any documentation showing compliance with ASCE 24 shall be kept on site.

Mr. Clabaugh seconded. Mr. Schumacher abstained and the rest of the board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Schumacher rejoined the meeting.

- B.** *Variance request from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for an extension of the annual safety test deadline for 15 elevators and extension of the five-year safety test deadline for 11 elevators (E2019-009).*

Mr. Troy Tiedeman, Operations Manager, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, spoke to the board regarding the variance. Mr. Tiedeman narrowed the variance to cover only state ID numbers 2977, 7536, 13893, and 177. The University Hospitals would like an additional 90 days due to difficulty getting parts for older elevators.

Ms. Dixon moved to approve the variance for 90-days for ID numbers 2977, 7536, 13893, and 177 with the condition that the units pass safety tests before they are returned to service. Mr. Clabaugh seconded the motion and board approved it unanimously.

## **VI. Division of Labor Report**

The new Labor Commissioner, Rod Roberts, introduced himself to the board and gave a brief history of his background. The Commissioner stated he has an "open door" policy and all are welcome

The Commissioner stated he is in the process of filling some significant positions in the Division of Labor. He also noted that the budget is status quo. The Commissioner invited everyone to the Worker's Memorial Day, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. on the west terrace of the Capitol.

Mr. Jim Borwey, manager of the elevator program, introduced the new clerical staff person, Tisha Scovel. Mr. Borwey stated that the department hired an Inspector, Stan Niemeier, for the Cedar Rapids area. The other hire anticipated at the time of the last meeting didn't work out. That position is now being reposted.

## **VII. Presentation by Eric McClaskey, National Coordinator, Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund, on the Elevator Industry Safety Partners Alliance**

Mr. Eric McClaskey distributed to the board a draft of an alliance between all 10 regions of national OSHA and elevator industry partners. The elevator industry partners include International Union of Elevator Constructors, National Elevator Industry, Inc., National Association of Elevator Contractors, Elevator Contractors of America, Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund (EIWPF), and National Elevator Industry Educational Program. The EIWPF is working on how OSHA programs administered by states can participate in the alliance.

The goal of the alliance is to reduce the number of accidents in the industry. Since 2012, there were at least 40 fatalities in the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Joe Mullen, Bureau Chief, Iowa OSHA Consultation, observed that Iowa already participates in some alliances and would welcome more.

The board thanked Mr. McClaskey for his presentation.

## **VIII. Communications**

None

## **IX. Next meeting dates**

- Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. 150 Des Moines Street
- Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. 150 Des Moines Street

**X. Next meeting agenda**

- Tabled Tip Top Tux variance (E2019-007)
- Adoption of ARC 4376C

**XI. Public comments**

None.

**XII. Adjournment**

Mr. Sims moved to adjourn the meeting. The board approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ms. Kerry Dixon, Secretary